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Open Houses for 2002 Fauntleroy and Southworth Terminal Construction Projects with Three-Week Closure

Three Open Houses to discuss the 2002 Fauntleroy and Southworth terminal construction projects are scheduled the first week in October. The projects include closing both ferry terminals for three weeks at the same time to complete much-needed repairs and replace worn out parts. WSF will be on hand to answer questions about the projects and the alternatives for transportation during the terminal closure period. No formal presentation will be made.

Southworth	Vashon	Fauntleroy
October 2, 2001	October 3, 2001	October 4, 2001
6:00-8:30 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.
John Sedgwick Junior High Commons	Vashon Island High School Commons	Gatewood Elementary School Cafeteria
8995 SE Sedgwick Rd. Port Orchard	20120 Vashon Highway SW Vashon Island	4320 SW Myrtle St. West Seattle

WSF will provide alternative travel solutions during the October 2002 three-week closure to ease hardships to ferry riders. There are two options under consideration at Southworth, including passenger-only service from Southworth to Vashon Island with continued service to downtown Seattle, and bus and park & ride service from Southworth to the Bremerton ferry terminal. At Vashon, both auto and passenger-only service will be offered between the Island and downtown Seattle. WSF is working with Kitsap Transit and King County Metro to develop additional transit service alternatives.

A customer survey will be available at the open houses, on-line and conducted at the Fauntleroy, Southworth, Vashon Island and Tahlequah terminals to ask WSF customers which option works best for them during the closure. The results of the survey will help WSF provide the option that best meets the travel needs of the majority of customers.

For more information about the open houses or survey, contact Washington State Ferries at 1-888-808-7977 or wsfinfo@wsdot.wa.gov or call Doug Playter Project manager (206) 515-3732.

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